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Unemployment Rates Down, Jobs Up in Nearly All Metros in April

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	April 2022*	April 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.8%	4.6%	-0.8
Carbondale-Marion	4.6%	5.5%	-0.9
Champaign-Urbana	4.0%	4.8%	-0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.1%	7.0%	-2.9
Danville	5.8%	6.4%	-0.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.7%	5.8%	-2.1
Decatur	7.0%	7.7%	-0.7
Elgin	5.2%	6.1%	-0.9
Kankakee	6.1%	6.6%	-0.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.4%	5.3%	-0.9
Peoria	5.4%	6.1%	-0.7
Rockford	7.7%	9.2%	-1.5
Springfield	4.6%	5.6%	-1.0
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.3%	5.2%	-0.9
Illinois Statewide	4.4%	6.4%	-2.0

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in April according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs were up in all metro areas with the exception of one.

“The continued positive trajectory of Illinois’ economy is encouraging,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “IDES and the Pritzker Administration are committed to supporting businesses and job seekers as they innovate, grow, and connect all across Illinois.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Bloomington MSA (+5.4%, +4,800), the Rockford MSA (+5.2%, +7,200), the Springfield MSA (+4.6%, +4,800), and the Chicago Metropolitan Division (+4.6%, +162,200). The Danville MSA saw no change in total nonfarm jobs. Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure and Hospitality (fourteen areas); Manufacturing (thirteen areas); Other Services (twelve areas); Retail Trade and

Government (eleven areas each); Professional and Business Services (ten areas); Transportation, Warehousing and Public Utilities and Education and Health Services (nine areas each).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-2.9 points to 4.1%), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-2.1 points to 3.7%), and the Rockford MSA (-1.5 points to 7.7%). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in 93 counties, increased in seven and was unchanged in two.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – April 2022

Metropolitan Area	April 2022*	April 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	94,200	89,400	4,800
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,000	56,200	1,800
Champaign-Urbana MSA	117,300	115,500	1,800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,712,200	3,550,000	162,200
Danville MSA	25,900	25,900	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	183,600	176,200	7,400
Decatur MSA	48,700	46,800	1,900
Elgin Metro Division	252,000	242,100	9,900
Kankakee MSA	42,700	42,200	500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	414,700	404,600	10,100
Peoria MSA	166,200	162,300	3,900
Rockford MSA	144,400	137,200	7,200
Springfield MSA	108,100	103,300	4,800
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	237,300	236,000	1,300
Illinois Statewide	5,990,800	5,760,000	230,800

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